

The Two Types of Tea

There are two distinct types of tea, namely Black Tea and Green Tea. Both are made from the same bush and both are equally pure. The difference is in the process of manufacture which gives each a different flavour. Black Tea after it is plucked is withered and partially 'fired' or dried, then allowed to oxidize by being exposed to the air. This gives Black Tea its dark reddish colour when drawn. Green tea is immediately steamed after plucking, which prevents oxidation. There are delicious blends of "SALADA" in both of these types and also a unique blend of Black and Green Tea Mixed. All are sold in four qualities.

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CHAPTER XXV.

Jean awoke early on her wedding morning and lay and thought over the twenty-three years of her life, and wondered what she had done to be so blessed, for, looking back, it seemed one long succession of sunny days. The dark spots seemed so inconsiderable looking back as to be hardly worth thinking about. Her window faced the east, and the morning sun came in, promising yet another fine day. Through the wall she could hear Mhor, who always woke early, busy at some game—possibly wigmaws with the blankets and sheets—already the chamber-maid had complained of finding the sheets knotted round the bed-posts. He was singing a song to himself as he played. Jean could hear his voice crooning. The sound filled her with an immense tenderness. Little Mhor with his naughtiness and his endearing ways! And beloved Jock with his gruff voice and surprised blue eyes, to tender David, so easily affronted. And David—the dear companion of childhood, who had shared with her all the pleasures and penalties of life under the iron rule of Great-aunt Ariel, who understood as no one else could ever quite understand, not even Biddy. But as she thought of Biddy, she sprang out of bed, and, leaning out of the window, she turned her face to Little St. Mary's, where her love was, and where presently she would join him.

Five hours later she would stand with him in the church among the blossoms, and they would be made man and wife, joined together till death did them part. Jean folded her hands on the window-sill. She felt solemn and quiet and very happy. She had not had much time for thinking in the last few days, and she was glad of this quiet hour. It was good on her wedding morning to tell over in her mind, like a rosary, the excellent qualities of her dear love. Could there be another such in the wide world? Pamela was happy with Lewis Elliot, and Lewis was kind and good and in every way delightful, but compared with Richard Plantagenet—In this pedestrian world her Biddy had something of the old cavalier grace. Also, he had more than a streak of Ariel. Would he be content always to be settled at home? He thought so now, but—. Anyway, she wouldn't try to bind him down to keep him to domesticity, making an eagle into a barndoor fowl; she would go with him where she could go, and where she would be

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cool church, where David was waiting to give his sister away. Some of the village women, with little girls in in having me undressed?" "My dears, you don't suppose the skirts, came shyly in after them and said, "I love them as dears, but I have paired with you—it's so different, absolutely different—I can't explain. I don't love you like people in books all on fire and saying wonderful things all the time. But to be with you fills me with utter content. I had you that night in Hopetoun that the boys filled my life. And then you went away, and I found that though I had the boys my life and my heart were empty. You are my life, Biddy."

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness: the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein . . .

"No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there."

"And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall cease away."

The schoolmistress had played the wedding march from Lohengrin, and was prepared to play Mendelssohn as the party left the church, but when the service was over, Mrs. Macdonald whispered fiercely in Jean's ear, "You can't be married without 'O God of Bethel,'" and ousting the schoolmistress from her place at the organ, she struck the opening notes.

They knew it by heart—Jean and David and Jock and Mhor and Lewis Elliot, and they sang it with the unison with which one sings the songs of Zion by Babylon's streams.

"Through each perplexing path of life Our wandering footsteps guide, Give us each day our daily bread And rainment fit provide."

O spread Thy covering wings around Till all our wanderings cease, And at our Father's loved abode Our souls arrive in peace."

Jean held her breath as she saw it. It seemed to her the most perfect thing that could be imagined.

She walked on in sunlight, winged like Mercury to be received respectfully by a row of servants. Jean shook hands with each one smiling at them with her "doggy" eyes, wishing all the time for Mrs. McCosh, who was not specially respectful, but always homely and humorous.

Tea was ready in a small panelled room with a view of the lawns and the river.

"I asked them to put it here," Lord Bidborough said. "I thought you might like to have this for your own sitting-room. It's just a little like the room at The Rigs."

"Surely you don't want her different," Mhor complained.

"Not very different," said Mhor, "but she's pretty small for a Lady—not nearly as tall as Richard Plantagenet."

"As high as my heart," said Lord Bidborough. "The correct height, Mhor."

The vicar lunched with them at the inn. There were no speeches, and no one tried to be funny.

Jock rebuked Jean for eating too much. "It's not manners for a bride to have more than one help."

"It's odd," said Jean, "but the last time I was married the same thing happened. D'you remember, Davie?"

"I'm glad I wasn't invented before railways," said Mhor. "I would have been very dull."

"You'll have a pony at Mintern Abbas. Won't that be nice?"

"Yes. Oh! there's the signal down at last. That'll be the express to London. I can hear the roar of it already."

Pamela's idea of a wedding garment for Jean was a soft white cloth coat and skirt, and a close-fitting hat with Mercury wings. Everything was simple, but everything was exquisitely fresh and dainty.

Pamela dressed her, Mrs. Macdonald looking on, and Mawson fluttering about, admiring but incompetent.

"Something old and something new. Something borrowed and something blue."

Mrs. Macdonald quoted. "Have you got them all, Jean?"

"I think so. I've got a lace hand-kerchief that was my mother's—that's old. And blue ribbon in my underwear."

"And the sun is shining," said Pamela, "so you're fortified against ill-luck."

"I hope so," said Jean gravely. "I must see if Mhor has washed his face this morning. I didn't notice at breakfast, and he's such an odd child, he'll wear every bit of himself and neglect his face. Perhaps you'll remember to look, Mrs. Macdonald, when you are with him here."

Mrs. Macdonald smiled at Jean's maternal tone.

"I've brought up four boys," she said, "I ought to know something of their ways. It will be like old times to have Jock and Mhor to back me up."

Mhor went in the car with Jean and Pamela and Mrs. Macdonald. The others had gone on in Lord Bidborough's car, as Mr. Macdonald wanted to see the vicar before the service.

The vicar had asked Jean about the music, saying that the village schoolmistress, who was also the organist, was willing to play. "I don't much like 'The Voice that Breathed o'er Eden,'" Jean told him, "but anything else would be very nice. It is so very kind of her to play."

Mhor mourned all the way to church about Peter being left behind.

"There's poor Peter, who is so fond of marriage—he goes to them all in Priorsford—tied up in the yard; and he knows how to behave in a church."

"It's a good deal more than you do," Mrs. Macdonald told him.

"I know of no case one person who has had to change his seat because of you. He said he got no good of the sermon watching you bobbing about."

"It's because I don't care about sermons," Mhor replied, and relapsed into dignified silence—a silence sweetened by a large chocolate poker at him by Jean.

They walked through the church-yard, with its quiet sleepers, into the

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